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In the Application of: **VandenBiesen, et al.**

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For: **METHOD OF MAKING SYNTHETIC
GEMS COMPRISING ELEMENTS
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SPECIES OF THE KINGDOM
ANIMALIA**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper responds to the first Office action in the above-entitled application, mailed January 24, 2006. Applicants believe that this Response is timely, as it is being filed within the three month shortened statutory period set for reply.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.